

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP: 3733**

Docket: 14532.01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. No.:	10/723,718	Examiner:	Michael B. Priddy
Filing Date:	November 25, 2003	Group Art Unit:	3733
Title:	<b>PROSTHETIC SPINAL DISC NUCLEUS WITH ELEVATED SWELLING RATE</b>		

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
(UNDER 37 CFR 1.116)**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 29, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.